

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Written Restriction mailed February 22, 2010. Applicants elect Group II comprising at least claims 11-16 and 21-29 with traverse.

Claim amendments

Claims 6-7 are canceled.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are amended to depend from elected claim 11. As amended, these claims recite a combination of the sub-combinations identified in the Written Restriction. If claim 1-5 and 8-10 are withdrawn by the Office and claim 11 is allowed, then Applicants respectfully request that claim 1-5 and 8-10 be reinstated and examined as per MPEP § 806.05(c) ("Where applicant elects a subcombination, and claims thereto are subsequently found allowable, any claim(s) depending from or otherwise requiring all the limitations of the allowable subcombination will be examined for patentability").

Claims 17-20 are recast as storage medium claims.

Traversal

Restriction is proper where there would be a serious burden if restriction were not required. MPEP §806.05(d). The Written Restriction has set forth different classifications as a basis for such a serious burden. However, Applicants respectfully submit that this is merely evidence tending to show a burden, and does not require withdrawal of claim 17-20. In this instance it is respectfully submitted that examination of claims 17-20 together with the elected claims would expedite the prosecution and enhance Office efficiency.

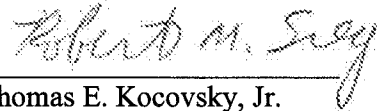
Accordingly, Applicants also urge that remaining claims 17-20 be examined together with claims 11-16 and 21-29.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application including all claims 1-5 and 8-29 as set forth herein present set forth patentable subject matter, meet all statutory requirements, and should be allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application including all claims set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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